

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

a printer unit equipped with a user interface section having a first display section; and

a scanner unit equipped with a user interface section having a second display section,

wherein said user interface section of said printer unit and said user interface section of said scanner unit are arranged such that in response to a command entered by one of these user interface sections, the other user interface section changes its display state to be in a non-display state.

6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

said user interface section of said scanner unit is used in displaying information regarding a processing of image data and entering commands regarding the processing of image data, for both said printer unit and said scanner unit.

8. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

in response to a command entered by said user interface section of said scanner unit, said user interface section of said printer unit changes its display state.

9. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 8, wherein:

when a command to execute a processing to be performed by said printer unit is entered by said user interface section of said scanner unit, said user interface section of said printer unit displays information regarding contents of the command.

10. (original) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

an independently operable scanner unit equipped with a display section and a display control section;

an independently operable printer unit equipped with a display section and a display control section,

wherein said scanner unit and said printer unit are provided as separate members; and

said display control sections of said scanner unit and said printer unit cooperatively control said display sections of said scanner unit and said printer unit such that:

in an independent use of said printer unit, said display section of said printer unit is set to be effective, and

in a combined use of said printer unit and said scanner unit, said display section of said printer unit is set to be effective if a predetermined condition is satisfied, and if not, only said display section of said scanner unit is set to be effective in displaying information regarding the combined use of said printer unit and said scanner unit.

11. (original) The image processing device as set forth in claim 10, wherein:

said display section of said scanner unit is a large size display unit capable of displaying graphics.

12. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 10, wherein:

said printer unit includes a shielding member for shielding said display section to be invisible by a user when said display control section controls said display section of said printer unit to be ineffective.

13. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 10, wherein:

said predetermined condition is that information to be displayed in said printer unit is different from the information regarding the combined use of said printer unit and said scanner unit.

14. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 10, wherein:

said predetermined condition is that some failure has occurred in said scanner unit or in any other unit to be used in combination with said printer unit, and said display control section controls said display section of said printer unit to display a state of the failure occurred in said scanner unit or in any other unit.

15. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:

an input section for said display section of said scanner unit and an input section for said display section of said printer unit,

wherein said display control section of said scanner unit permits an input operation by said input section of said scanner unit when said display section of said scanner unit is effective; and

said display control section of said printer unit permits an input operation by said input section of said printer unit when said display section of said printer unit is effective.

16. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 15, wherein:

said predetermined condition is that an input operation is performed by said input section of said printer unit, and said display control section of said printer unit controls said display section of said printer unit to display information regarding said printer unit.

17. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 10, wherein:

said predetermined condition is that a failure has occurred in said scanner unit, and said display control section of said printer unit controls said display section of said printer unit to display a state of said scanner unit.

18. (original) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 17, wherein:

said display control section of said printer unit controls said display section of said printer unit to display the state of said scanner unit and the state of said printer unit alternately.

19. (original) An image processing apparatus, comprising: an independently operable scanner unit equipped with a display section;

an independently operable printer unit equipped with a display section,

wherein said scanner unit and said printer unit are provided as separate members,

said display section of said scanner unit is a large size display unit capable of displaying graphics, said display section being provided on a front surface side of said scanner unit;

said display section of said printer unit is provided on an upper surface on a back surface side of said printer unit; and

in a combined use of said printer unit and said scanner unit, said scanner unit is provided above said printer unit, and said display section of said printer unit is invisible by a user.

20. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

an image processing section for carrying out a processing of image data; and

a plurality of user interface sections for displaying information regarding said processing of image data and for entering inputs on said processing of image data,

wherein said plurality of user interface sections are arranged such that in response to an operation input entered by a specific user interface section, other user interface section(s) than said specific user interface section change(s) its (their) input acceptance state(s).

21. (previously presented) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 20, wherein:

said plurality of user interface sections are arranged such that input acceptance of said other user interface section(s) than the specific user interface section is

validated in response to the operation input entered by said specific user interface section.

22. (previously presented) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 21, wherein:

said plurality of user interface sections are arranged such that in response to the operation input entered by said specific user interface section, an input entering right allowing for acceptance of the operation input is transferred from the specific user interface section to said other user interface section(s) than the specific user interface section.

23. (previously presented) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 22, wherein:

said plurality of user interface sections are arranged such that in response to operation input(s) entered by said other user interface section(s) than the specific user interface section, the input entering right is transferred back to the specific user interface section.

24. (previously presented) The image processing apparatus as set forth in claim 20, wherein:

said plurality of user interface sections are arranged such that in response to the operation input entered by said specific user interface section, input acceptance of said other user interface section(s) than the specific user interface section is validated and input acceptance of the specific user interface section is invalidated.

25. (previously presented) The image processing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 21 through 24, wherein:

said plurality of user interface sections are arranged such that while changing the input acceptance state(s) of said other user interface section(s) than the specific user interface section, a display state of at least one user interface section is changed.

26. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

a first image processing section, for carrying out a processing of image data, including a first display section;

at least one second image processing section, for carrying out a processing of image data, including at least one second display section; and

a plurality of user interface sections corresponding to the first display section and the at least one second display section for entering commands on said processing of image data,

wherein said first and second display sections are arranged such that in response to a command entered at the user interface section corresponding to the first display section, a display state of the second display section is changed to be in a non-display state.

27. (cancelled)